

NOTICE

TO: All S.C. Law Enforcement Agency Heads and Training Officers
FROM: South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council and South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
RE: Law Enforcement Training Council's Body-Worn Camera Guidelines
DATE: December 7, 2015

The Law Enforcement Training Council has conducted a thorough study of the use, implementation procedures, costs, and other related aspects associated with body-worn cameras in jurisdictions with body-worn cameras currently in use or about to be in use. As a result of this study, LETC has developed and finalized guidelines for the use of body-worn cameras by state and local law enforcement agencies, pursuant to S.C. Code 23-1-240. These Guidelines are attached to this notice.

If you have not submitted your Body-Worn Camera Policy to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy for review, you may do so now. You may send the policy to jfennell@sccja.sc.gov. Once received, your policy will be reviewed to make sure it conforms to the Guidelines set forth by LETC.¹ If your policy is approved, you will receive a letter stating so. You must attach a copy of this approval letter² to your request for funding from the Department of Public Safety's Public Safety Coordinating Council. Please note, that the Academy must approve your policy before you may apply for these funds. Your policy must be submitted to the Academy by March 7, 2016, pursuant to S.C. Code 23-1-240.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact James M. Fennell at 803-896-7722.

¹ Legal disclaimer: Neither the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy nor the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council are rendering an opinion as to your policy's legal sufficiency. These entities are only stating that your policy meets the guidelines promulgated by LETC. It is advised that you seek legal advice on your policy's legal sufficiency.

² The approval letter will contain additional instructions in the event your policy changes.